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TOPIC Soviet Troops in the ROSSLAU Area

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REFERENCES

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REMARKS

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1. a. A train carrying 40 tanks, coming from the direction of BITTENBERG (N 52/E 37), arrived at the ROSSLAU-MAINSDORF (E 52/E 17) kasernes during the morning of 7 September 1949. \*

b. An AAA unit, coming from the direction of ZERNST (M 52/D 98), moved to the MAINSDORF kaserne area early on 10 September 1949. \*\*

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c. A train of 14 boxcars loaded with ammunition and 14 freight cars loaded with timber and barrels arrived in MAINSDORF on 15 September 1949.\*\*\*

d. About 40 tanks were observed to arrive by rail at the MAINSDORF kaserne during the night of 14 October 1949. \* The tanks, which were covered with canvas, had gun barrels about 15 feet long.

e. A train carrying 25 canvas-covered guns passed through the MAINSDORF freight station on 16 October 1949 and proceeded toward BITTENBERG.

f. A shipment of 12 tank cars, filled with fuel, arrived at the kaserne on 17 October 1949. \*\*\*

g. Eight boxcar loads of winter clothing arrived on 18 October 1949. \*\*\*

h. A shipment of 20 closed boxcars was dispatched from MAINSDORF toward FALKENBERG (N 52/E 74) on 20 October 1949.

i. A train coming from the direction of MAGDEBURG (N 52/E 66), was observed at the kaserne area on 8 November 1949. \*

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j. A train coming from the direction of DESSAU (N 52/E 17), arrived at the kaserne on 11 November 1949. \*

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k. A train of 2 passenger car occupied by personnel, and of 14 railroad cars

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carrying short-barreled 76.2-mm guns, passed through Rosslau on 16 November 1949, and continued toward Meinsdorf.

2. b. Two trains, each carrying 50 new, [redacted] arrived in Meinsdorf on 14 November 1949. The trucks were immediately unloaded.

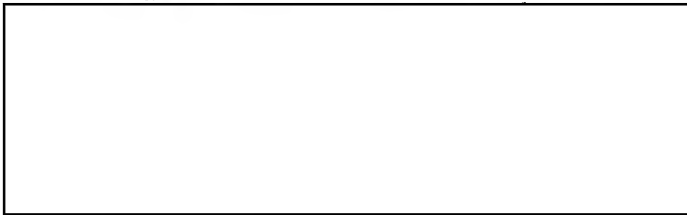
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b. A train of 30 railroad cars carrying 60 long-barreled AT guns without muzzle brake arrived in Meinsdorf on 20 November 1949.\*\*\*\*

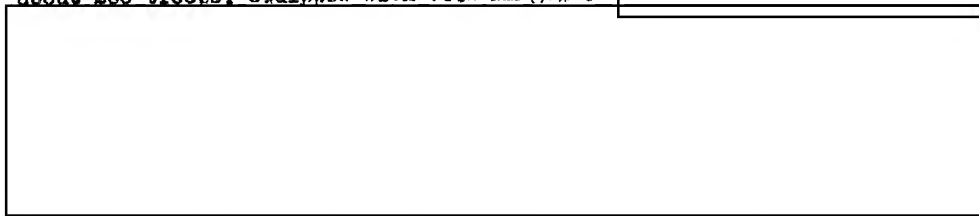
3. Camp Meinsdorf was occupied as follows on 10 December 1949:

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a. Former "60th Engr Bn" Kaserne: Engineer units totaling about 800 troops.

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b. Kaserne southeast of the Pioneer Kaserne: AT artillery unit of about 200 troops, equipped with 76.2-mm guns.



c. Quarters in the northern camp section:

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(1) Tank units, allegedly guards units, totaling about 600 troops.

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(2) Guards rifle unit of about 250 men and motor transport unit of about 150 men.

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Comment:

a. Shipment observed in the Rosslau-Meinsdorf kaserne area:

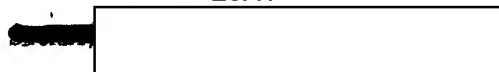
\* Presumably troops returning from the Verder-Merkendorf maneuver area.

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\*\*\* Supply shipments.

\*\*\*\* Probably guns for an AT artillery unit of the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre).

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b. Occupation of "Camp Meinsdorf" :

(1) Former "60th Engr Bn" Kaserne: Presumably occupied by the 36th Pon Bdg Regt of the Group of Occupation Forces Germany and probably by an engineer unit of the Third Shock Army.

(2) Kaserne southeast of the Pioneer Kaserne: Occupied by an AT artillery unit of the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre), possibly the 408th (Gds?) AT Arty Regt (Cadre).

(3) Quarters north of the Pioneer Kaserne: Occupied by a tank unit (regiment ?), guards motorized unit and a motor transport unit of the 7th Gds Tank Div (Cadre).

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